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COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR DATA MANAGEMENT AND METHOD FOR

OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to file under Rule 136, to file a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated January 14, 2000, in the above-identified application. A shortened statutory period for response expired on March 14, 2000.

Applicant respectfully requests a four-month extension of the period for response so that such period will end on July 14, 2000. A check in the amount of the applicable fee of \$1,360.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is attached hereto.

Any prior general authorization to charge a fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0855 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501458. A duplicate copy of this correspondence is enclosed for that purpose.

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